GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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CNG/PNG Coverage
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of existing network of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG)/Piped Natural Gas (PNG) across the country including the number of households/industrial units covered in each of the cities under this network, State/UT-wise;
(b) whether the Government has received proposals/demands from various States for increasing CNG/PNG coverage in their States particularly from Rajasthan and if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon, State/UT-wise including Rajasthan;
(c) whether the Government has fixed any target to cover every rural/urban household and provide PNG facility across the country and if so, the details thereof along with any time-bound action plan envisaged for providing PNG to every household, State/UT-wise; and
(d) the achievement made by the Government during the above period for gas supply to every household through pipeline in the country, State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)
(a): The details of existing City Gas Distribution Networks (CGD) across the country including the number of households/industrial units covered in each of the cities State-wise/UT-wise is at Annexure.
(b) & (c): Under the Petroleum & Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) Act, 2006, the Government has established PNGRB which is the statutory authority to grant licenses for the development of City Gas Distribution (CGD) network. The CGD network includes CNG/PNG network also. Requests are received from various State Governments including the State of Rajasthan from time to time. Based on these requests, PNGRB has been considering the entire district as a Geographical Area (GA) for development of CGD network so that PNG/CNG services can be made available in the cities and other parts of the district. PNGRB has notified the relevant regulatory framework for processing Expression of Interest (EoI) submitted by interested entities to develop CGD networks in any part of country. Subsequently, PNGRB grants license for developing CGD network through competitive bidding process. The GAs are included in bidding rounds in a phased manner depending on the natural gas pipeline connectivity/natural gas availability and feasibility for grant of authorization to develop CGD network in the country. PNGRB has carried out 6 rounds of CGD bidding for award of development of
CGD networks in different parts of the country.
(d): Government has prioritized the domestic gas allocation for CGD entities and has also issued guidelines wherein the entire requirement of CGD entities for PNG (domestic) segment is being met through domestic gas.
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